

4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

## Homework

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to share with you our expectations for homework and to outline our policy with regard to the information you should receive as a parent/carer.

As a college, we value homework and see it as an important part of the learning process. Regular and meaningful homework is essential in supporting good learning habits in our students. Students should expect to receive homework regularly and in-line with each curriculum area’s expectations.

At the college we use an online system called ‘Show my Homework’ to set homework. Guidance for parents on the use of Show My Homework is available on our website:

<http://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Show+My+Homework&pid=204> Teachers monitor the completion of homework, issuing students with a behaviour point on SIMs (our college data management system) if it is not submitted by the deadline set.

Please note, that it is not an expectation for teachers to log completion of homework on Show My Homework as this is done through SIMs and we are mindful of not adding extra burden to their already high workloads. SIMs has the extra benefit of enabling us to effectively analyse, report and praise effort or sanction non-completion of homework.

Where a student consistently fails to complete homework it is raised with the Curriculum Leader of the subject who may place that student on departmental report where they will be more closely monitored. The guideline for frequency of homework set in different subjects is outlined below. Due to curriculum commitments, this may vary slightly throughout the year:

	Curriculum Area	Homework Frequency
<b>KS3</b> (Years 7 and 8)	English, Maths, Science	1 task per week maximum of 1 hour
	MFL, History, Geography, ICT, Art, Technology	1 task per fortnight maximum of 1 hour
	Drama, Music, PE	No formal homework at KS3 (students are encouraged to attend one extra-curricular session 6 offering instead)
<b>KS4</b> (Years 9, 10 and 11)	English, Maths	1 task per week maximum 1.5 hours
	Science	1 task per fortnight per science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) maximum 1 hour per subject
	MFL, History, Geography, Option subjects	1 task per week maximum 1 hour
	Core PE	No Homework (students are encouraged to attend one extra-curricular session 6 offering instead)
<b>KS5</b> (Years 12 and 13)	All Subjects	As required by the need of the subject up to a maximum of 4 hours per subject per week

**Please note that Year 7 students are not set homework until the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September and hence no homework sanctions are issued until week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please do encourage your child to complete their homework by the deadline and support them in establishing good routines in preparing for their lessons. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Please get in touch should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Brown', written over a horizontal line.

Ms J Brown  
Vice Principal